

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4257

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FOR UNDER SECRETARY SISCO

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, SY  
SUBJ: SYRIAN JEWS

REF: A. STATE 156354; B. STATE 158814

1. AS INSTRUCTED REF B I HAVE NOT RAISED ISSUE SYRIAN JEWS  
WITH ASAD OR ANY OTHER SYRIAN OFFICIAL SINCE MY RETURN  
FROM WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS.

2. YESTERDAY (AUGUST 13) RECEIVED LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN  
STEPHEN SOLARZ ASKING MY ASSISTANCE IN SECURING AN EXIT  
VISA FOR MOTHER ONE OF HIS BROOKLYN CONSTITUENTS. SOLARZ  
ADVISES THAT CONSTITUENT HAS BEEN PETITIONING TO GET HER  
MOTHER OUT OF SYRIA SINCE 1961 BUT SYRIANS HAVE REFUSED  
ISSUE AN EXIT VISA.

3. I RECOGNIZE THAT SOLARZ IS PROBABLY TREATING THIS AS  
A TEST CASE AND WILL BE PURSUING OTHERS OVER COMING MONTHS.

4. SHOULD I RAISE THIS CASE WITH SHIHABI? IF I SEEK  
SHIHABI'S INTERVENTION IT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY COME  
TO ASAD'S ATTENTION. IF I SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION AT  
THIS TIME, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR GUIDANCE ON HOW TO  
RESPOND TO CONGRESSMAN.

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